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Sex Ratio
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has identified districts with poor sex ratio in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the sex ratio in the said districts; and

(d) the extent to which the Government has achieved success in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): So far as the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is concerned, the Ministry has not identified districts with poor Sex Ratio. However, as per the decennial population Census 2011, State/UT wise number of districts with Child Sex Ratio (0-6years) less than national average of 918 is at Annexure-I.
(c): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare monitors the implementation of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 having the objective of prohibition of misuse of diagnostic techniques for determination of sex of foetus, leading to female foeticide. Besides the enactment of the PC&PNDT Act, 1994, multi-pronged strategy entailing schemes and programmes and awareness generation/advocacy measures has been adopted to build a positive environment for the girl child through gender sensitive policies, provisions and legislation. The details of important measures are enclosed in Annexure − II.
As per information received from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme has been launched on 22 January, 2015 now covering 161 districts to address the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio with a strong emphasis on mindset change through training, sensitization, awareness raising and community mobilisation.
(d): As per the Sample Registration Survey (SRS) data obtained from Registrar General of India (RGI), the estimated Sex Ratio at birth for bigger States for the periods 2009-11, 2010-12 and 2011-13 (given in Annexure − III) suggests that the Sex Ratio has improved in most of the bigger States.
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